

Amendments to the Title & Specification:

Please amend the title to read as follows:

A Method ~~of and Apparatus for~~ Identifying Hierarchical Data

Please amend the specification, as follows:

At the Technical Field portion, page 1 at line 4 -

This invention relates to ~~a methods and apparatus for~~method of identifying hierarchical data structures, such as the digital data transport structures defined in the Synchronous Digital Hierarchy (SDH) and Synchronous Optical Network (SONET) standards.

At the Disclosure of Invention portion of pages 1 and 2 –

Please delete the paragraph bridging 1 and 2 in its entirety.

At the Brief Description of Drawings portion, at line 22, please amend the first paragraph as follows:

A method ~~and apparatus~~ in accordance with this invention, for identifying, ~~analysing~~ and displaying the structure of SDH/SONET frames, will now be described, by way of example, with reference to the accompanying drawings, in which: